## MEETING MINUTES NEWPORT COAST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Location: Newport Coast Elementary School, Newport Coast, CA 5:30 p.m., Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006

- **1.** <u>Welcome and Introductions</u>. Vice-Chairman Gerry Ross convened the meeting at 5:52 p.m. The following persons were in attendance:
  - Committee members: Gerry Ross (Vice-Chairman), Al Willinger, Dan Wampole, Jack Butefish, and Council Members Keith Curry and Richard Nichols.
  - Members of the public: Phil Bettencourt, Peer Swan
  - City staff: Dave Kiff (Assistant City Manager), Matt Lohr (Recreation and Senior Services).
- 2. <u>Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)</u>. The Committee deferred approval of the March 13<sup>th</sup> Minutes because they had not been distributed yet.
- 3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.
  - Dan Wampole spoke about asking the Pavilions general manager to improve the quality of products in the Newport Coast Shopping Center store, especially produce and meats. Dan believed that Pavilions management had allowed the store to slip in quality because it doesn't have enough customers.

## 4. Old Business

- A. Newport Coast Assessment District Review Final Report Update. Kiff distributed the Final Report prepared by Ms. Jennifer Branin. Kiff has since asked the County of Orange via Supervisor Wilson's Office to participate in a workshop to discuss the Report's conclusions. As of the date of these minutes, the County has not responded to that invitation. Branin's final report is on the City's website (<a href="https://www.city.newport-beach.ca.us">www.city.newport-beach.ca.us</a>) under "Projects."
- B. <u>Issue Updates</u>.
  - 1 -- Newport Coast Drive Entryway Signage Project. Kiff distributed updates on the designs for the proposed entryway monument sign along Newport Coast Drive near the 73 Tollway. A design subcommittee which consisted of Dan Wampole, Jim McGee, and Gerry Ross met with City staff, John Temple of Hunt Design, and representatives of the Irvine Company to discuss the design alternatives.

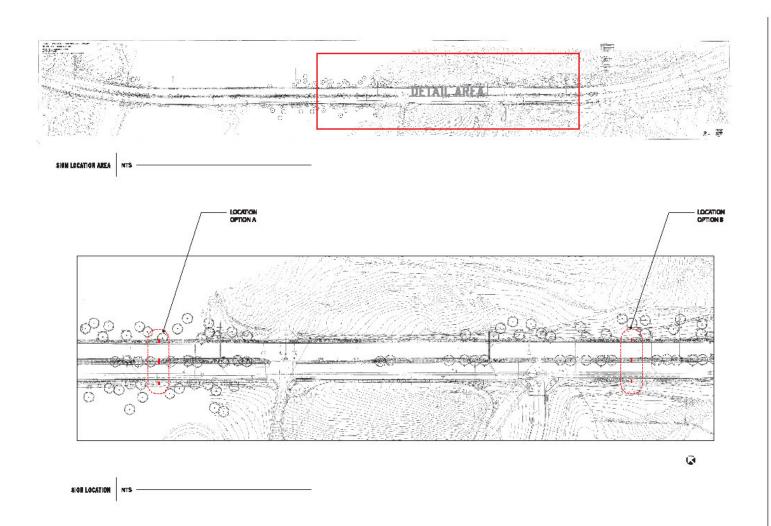
At this May NCAC meeting, the Committee agreed to support design alternative D 5.2 (see attached) but to modify it so that "City of Newport Beach" was flipped below "Newport Coast" and that the font differential between the two was increased (thus making "Newport Coast" larger, and "City of Newport Beach" smaller). The Committee also selected Site Option A (also see attached) for the location of the entryway monument. The project next goes to final design development and then construction.

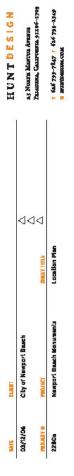
- <u>2 Newport Coast Community Center.</u> The Committee did not discuss the Community Center nor the proposed Community Access and Use Plan, in part because Jim McGee was not in attendance. Construction of the NCCC started in June and is anticipated to take about 12 months. Committee members Ross and McGee have worked with City staff, architect Betsey Dougherty, and exterior designer Annie Tutunjian to make final decisions about exterior colors and finishes.
- <u>3 Update from Library Funding Subcommittee</u>. Mr. Willinger discussed setting up a meeting with Kiff, NB Library Director Linda Katsouleas, and representatives of Newport-Mesa School District to discuss options and challenges. Willinger noted that some funding may hinge on the voters' decision of June 6, 2006 regarding the Library Bond ballot measure (the measure failed).
- <u>4 Marriott Newport Coast Villas Height Information</u>. Peer Swan discussed recent interactions with the County and with the Marriott regarding new construction along Newport Coast Drive. The height of one of the Villas' base pad had been increased significantly via an earlier decision of the County Planning Commission. Swan has been concerned in the past that not many people were aware of the change. As a result of Supervisor Wilson's discussions, the Marriott agreed to move one story of construction back to another Villa unit, but it's still higher than the original plans.

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A. Pelican Point's Letter from the State Water Resources Control Board Regarding Discharges into the Area of Special Biological Significance. Kiff discussed the letter received by Pelican Point to cease discharges of stormwater and dryweather runoff into the ASBS off of Crystal Cove State Park. The City has agreed to assist Pelican Point by accommodating a storm drain-to-sewer diversion system that would, in effect, solve the community's dry weather problem. Storm water will be another issue, since diversions aren't operable in storm conditions.

- B. Road Closure at Pelican Hill South. Kiff discussed the Irvine Company's previous request to close Pelican Hill South to accommodate the construction of the Pelican Hill Resort, including its golf course bridge. The road will remain closed throughout construction. The City's Public Works Department (Traffic Engineering) deemed that the safest way to protect cars, pedestrians, and bicyclists was to close the road rather than divert and control traffic beneath the bridge.
- C. <u>FMZ Payments</u>. Kiff discussed his challenge with providing City assistance to HOAs that contain Fuel Modification Zones. The City changed the formula it had been using to calculate payments, because most (if not all) HOAs had started to include FMZ clearance obligations in monthly contracts with their landscapers. As such, they were clearing more than they were obligated to dothe City was only obligated to assist with 2x annual payments instead of 12 monthly payments. As such, Kiff changed the formula to reflect 2 months' worth of work at the going rate of 0.01/per square foot maintained.
- 6. <u>Issues/Action Items for Future Meetings</u>. The Committee suggested that Kiff place the following issues on the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 (or later) meeting agenda:
  - Assessment District Relief Update
  - Meeting with the GM of Pavilions
- 7. <u>Adjourn to Next Meeting</u>. The Committee adjourned at 7:14 p.m. and set its next regular meeting for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the Newport Beach Central Library's Friends Meeting Room.





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